

REMARKS

The present communication responds to the Office Action dated July 28, 2005. In that Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 2-4, 11, and 14-22 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 1 has been rewritten to include the limitations of claim 2 and claim 2 has been canceled. New claim 27 has been added. The applicants respectfully submit that all claims pending in the present application are allowable.

Statement of Substance of Interview

The applicants thank the Examiner for his interview of December 7, 2005. In that Interview, independent claim 11 and a new independent claim reciting "a damping arrangement" were discussed. It was established that claim 11 was mistakenly indicated as allowable. Further, the Examiner agreed to consider a new independent claim, based on allowable subject matter, reciting "a damping arrangement." Such independent claim is reflected in new claim 27.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2-4, 11 and 14-22 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 has been rewritten to include the limitation of claim 2 and claim 2 has been canceled.

Claims 23-26 were not discussed in the substance of the Office Action. However, the cover sheet of the Office Action indicates that these claims are objected to. Claim 23 is presently in independent form. The applicants respectfully assert that claim 23 and claims 24 and 25, depending from claim 23, are allowable. Claim 26, as amended, depends from claim 1. The applicants respectfully submit that claim 26 is allowable.

Conclusion

This application now stands in allowable form and reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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